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In re application of:

Liaw *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/630,454

Filed: August 2, 2000

For: **Novel Bacterial Strains, Methods
of Preparing the Same and Use
Thereof in Fermentation
Processes for L-Lysine Production**

Confirmation No.: 9071

Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Devi, S.

Atty. Docket: 1533.0730001/MAC/MBT

Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed **September 24, 2003**, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 16), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.